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For METHOD OF IMPROVING)
 CARBON BLACK DISPERSION)
 IN RUBBER COMPOSITION)

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Applicants submit this paper to introduce art that they wish to have the Examiner consider. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 & 1.97.

The art has been listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449. This includes seventeen U.S. patents and one reference. Copies of the U.S. patents have not been submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.491(b).

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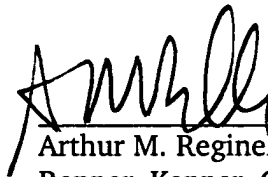
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Respectfully Submitted,



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